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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "INTERNATIONAL ENERGY ISSUES"
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1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY GAO OF SUBJECT REVIEW WHICH IS TO BE CONDUCTED IN WASHINGTON AND IN 15 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. THE PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW IS TO IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS THOSE ISSUES AND RELATED QUESTIONS THAT ADDRESS THE INTERDEPENDENCY OF DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONCERNS. TO FACILITATE INTERVIEWS WITH HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR OFFICIALS, GAO HAS PREPARED A 34-PAGE ISSUES PAPER. COPIES OF THIS PAPER ARE BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES WITH GAO'S REQUEST THAT THEY BE DELIVERED TO THE INTERVIEWEES NAMED BELOW.
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2. GAO TEAM IS COMPOSED OF J. DEXTER PEACH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ENERGY AND MINERALS DIVISION, DR. STEVEN EBBIN AND MS. MARY DONNELLY. MR. PEACH HOLDS A CURRENT TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCE. NEITHER EBBIN NOR DONNELLY HAVE SECURITY CLEARANCE.

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3. TEAM'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOLLOWS: ARRIVE GENEVA MAY 14. REQUEST MISSION RESERVE THREE SINGLES AT HOTEL DES BERGUES. ALSO REQUEST MISSION ARRANGE INTERVIEWS WITH

MR. ARSENIS OF UNCTAD AND MR. GARDNER PATTERSON OF GATT. FOR BERN - EBBIN AND DONNELLY ONLY WILL TRAVEL TO BERN ON MAY 16. REQUEST EMBASSY RESERVE TWO SINGLES AT HOTEL BELLEVUE-PALACE AND ARRANGE FOR INTERVIEWS ON MAY 17 WITH DRS. KIENER AND SCHMID AND MR. KOHN OF THE FEDERAL COMMISSION ON GLOBAL ENERGY AND WITH DRS. ZENNGER AND TSCHANNER OF THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF ENERGY.
FOR ZURICH - PLEASE RESERVE TWO SINGLES NITE OF MAY 17 FOR EBBIN AND DONNELLY AND ARRANGE INTERVIEWS FOR THE MORNING OF MAY 18 WITH MR. SCHELDKNECHT OF THE SWISS NATIONAL BANK AND WITH AN APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL OF THE CARBURA COMPANY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF PROPOSED SCHEDULE IS INCONVENIENT TO EITHER THE EMBASSY OR TO THE PROPOSED INTERVIEWEES.

5. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH GAO IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934. GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY, AND AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE. VANCE

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